

# SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE

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S. P. R. Registry

~~OFFICE~~

FILE NO

Q5422

**SUBJECT:**

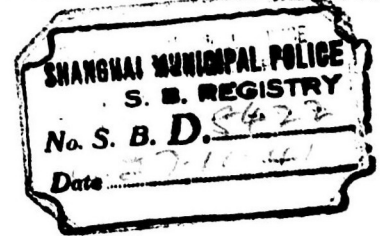
German Jewish Refugees.  
Miscellaneous Subjects.

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"I. C."  
SASSOON HOUSE  
SHANGHAI.  
CABLES: "ICYGRAM"  
P. O. BOX 2140  
TELEPHONE 16637  
Pa.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE  
ORGANIZATION OF EUROPEAN IMMIGRANTS  
IN CHINA

SHANGHAI, 22nd November, 1941.



The Acting Commissioner of Police,  
Shanghai Municipal Council,  
SHANGHAI.

Sir,

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your  
communication No. D.5422, dated November 19, 1941,  
contents of which have been noted.

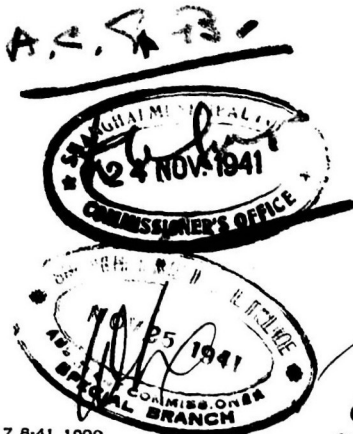
I quite appreciate the fact that you cannot  
officially intercede with the Telephone Company, but  
I think that there is a possibility for you perhaps  
to suggest to the Telephone Company or one of its  
senior officials that it would be desirable from  
every point of view if a telephone could be installed  
at Mrs. Altura's residence, as pointed out in my  
previous letter.

Since eighteen months I have been putting  
my request before the Telephone Company every now  
and then, unfortunately without any result; perhaps  
a telephone call by you to a competent official might  
alter the situation.

I am, Sir,

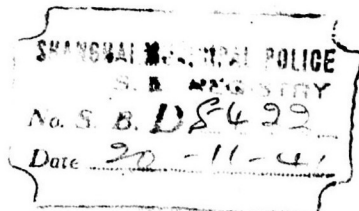
Yours obediently,

Hon. Secretary.



NO. 17 8-41 1000

*P.A. I*  
*Send someone to*  
*see Mr Komor & suggest*  
*that he or one of his*  
*call personally at Tel Coy*  
*& explain their case.*



November

19,

41.

The Honorary Secretary,  
International Committee for the Organization  
of European Immigrants in China,  
Sassoon House,  
Shanghai.

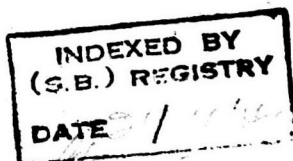
Sir,

I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 17, 1941 wherein you request Police assistance to install a telephone for one of your staff residing in Hongkew district.

I regret that the Police cannot intercede on your behalf and would suggest that you place your request before a senior official of the Telephone Company.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,



H. M. SMYTH

Acting Commissioner of Police.

*Original sent 20-11-41*

SN/C.

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THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR THE  
ORGANIZATION OF EUROPEAN IMMIGRANTS  
IN CHINA

SHANGHAI, 17th November, 1941.

PK/Fa.

Shanghai Municipal Police,  
Special Branch,  
SHANGHAI.

Dear Sirs,

On various occasions during the past few months, we have requested the Shanghai Telephone Company to allocate a telephone to one of our staff living in Hongkew, with whom the undersigned, in the case of an emergency, can communicate. The Shanghai Telephone Company has always given the stereotyped reply that they have no instruments, and this inspite of the urgency and necessity of the telephone for the needs of this Committee being represented to them very thoroughly.

As an illustration may I say that yesterday, at about 7 p.m., I was called up by West Hongkew Police Station and informed that there had been a suicide case, to which we had to send a representative at the inquest the following morning, i.e. this morning. I had absolutely no means of communicating with any responsible member of my staff in order to give the necessary emergency instructions, and it was only by telephoning to someone living in the International Settlement and asking him to go out to Hongkew and try to locate a staff member, that I was finally able to make the necessary arrangements.

This state of affairs is an impossible one, and I feel sure that with some good will, the Telephone Company could find one instrument, even if it had to deprive perhaps one or the other of the many exchange shops, which sport from 8 - 9 instruments, of one telephone.

In view of the fact that this Committee works in close co-operation with the SMP and with your Branch, I would appreciate it very much if you would use your influence with the Telephone Company and ask them to instal telephone service at

No. 43 Muirhead Road,  
for Mrs. Lisa Altura;  
Mrs. Altura's application has been on record for more than 18 months; she is my personal secretary, and I must be able to contact her at all times of the day or night.

Thanking you in anticipation for your good offices,  
I am, dear Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

*[Signature]*  
Hon. Secretary.

*A/C.R.*  
*Sir,*  
*I do not think the Police can interfere on behalf of the I.C. Surely if they explained their case fully to a responsible member of the Telephone Co. they would get favourable consideration?*



SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

Wayside Station

REPORT

Date March 1st, 1940

Subject Disturbance in the Ward Road Camp for German refugees.

Made by D.S. Larby.

Forwarded by

Officer i/c.

Sir,

At 1.45 p.m. on 1-3-40, a telephone message was received by Wayside Station from Dr. J. Weinberger, in charge of the camp at 138 Ward Road for German refugees, to the effect that a disturbance was taking place among the inmates of this establishment.

A party of Police under Sub-Inspector T. Walker attended and discovered a crowd of some two hundred German Jews holding a meeting to protest the action of the Refugee Committee in arranging for the transfer of fifty unmarried men from the Ward Road Camp to the camp situated at 1090 Pingliang Road, in order to make room for a number of Jewish families moving into the former address.

Haranguing the assembly was a German refugee, one Mr. Robert Weishut, 52, S/unemployed, 138 Ward Road, who was indulging in a vehement criticism of the Refugee Committee's proposed actions. Resultant from enquiries, it appears that the above-named individual, who apparently has some pretensions to being a barrister in his native land, has organized at the Ward Road Camp, a "Camp Inmates Association," presumably with the idea of dictating to the Refugee Committee. The influence of this association, however, in view of its sponsor's unstable temperament is not at present expected to expand.

On being advised by the Police to disperse, the meeting did so while Sub-Inspector Walker cautioned Mr. Weishut regarding his future behaviour.

Sen. Det. i/c.

D.D.O. "D".

D.C. (Sp. 4r).

*[Signature]*